

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

EASTERN DIVISION

No. 05-10849 RGS

HELEN RUNGE,

Plaintiff

v.

WALTER J. KELLY,
KERRY L. BLOOMINGDALE, M.D., and
SUNBRIDGE NURSING AND
REHABILITATION CENTER,

Defendants

**NEUTRAL STATEMENT SUMMARIZING THE CLAIMS AND DEFENSES TO BE
READ TO THE VENIRE DURING EMPANELMENT**

Helen A. Runge was an elderly woman in her late eighties who was a resident of a skilled nursing facility, Sunbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. An attorney, Walter Kelly, assisted her in entering the nursing home and was her power of attorney and healthcare proxy. Runge has brought this action against her former attorney and the nursing home. Runge was prescribed antipsychotic medications and began refusing them. Runge purportedly terminated Kelly as her attorney, power of attorney and healthcare proxy and left the nursing home. A petition for Kelly to become guardian of Runge was filed. After suit was brought and prior to this trial, Runge passed away and her estate is carrying on with this suit. The estate disputes that Runge required antipsychotic medications and a guardian, claiming that the nursing home and the attorney acted inappropriately to keep her at the nursing home. Attorney Kelly and the nursing home deny these allegations and state that they acted in the best interest of Runge.

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ESTATE OF HELEN RUNGE,
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